

# Easton Police Department Participating in 10th National Prescription Drug Take-Back



**When:** September 26th, 2015  
**Where:** Easton Police Department, Lothrop Street  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*"The National Prescription Drug Take-Back addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that many abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away – both potential safety and health hazards.*

*"In the previous nine Take-Back events nationwide from 2010-2014, 4,823,251 pounds, or 2,411 tons of drugs were collected."*

<http://www.dea.gov/divisions/hq/2015/hq072815.shtml>



**Board of Health**

**Thanks to the Easton Board of Health and BAMSI, Residential Sharps will also be accepted. Sharps must be secured in a capped, puncture resistant plastic container, such as a laundry detergent bottle. No loose sharps will be accepted at this collection.**



**Easton Wings of Hope, a coalition of concerned Community members hoping to reduce youth substance abuse through education and awareness, will also be available with information and resources for those with questions about addiction.**

